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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
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The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security
(S/1999/1071)

Other matters

Morning*

4053rd meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

11th meeting

Conference
Room 4General debate (*continued*):

Bahrain
Sri Lanka
Philippines
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
Israel
Benin
Ukraine
Japan

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear
Test-Ban Treaty Organization

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

11th meeting

Conference
Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-
keeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/
1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
12 noon

15th meeting

Conference
Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4

(e) External debt crisis and development

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2*2. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the
Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3*3. Sustainable development and international economic co-
operation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/
54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed
upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-
operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic
Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,
and implementation of the International Development
Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development
Decade (A/54/389)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations
Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/54/8
and A/54/322)

(d) Human resources development (A/54/408)

(e) International migration and development, including the
question of the convening of a United Nations conference
on international migration and development to address
migration issues (A/54/207 and A/C.2/54/2)

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international
economic cooperation for development through partner-
ship (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

*Introduction and general discussion*3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

16th meeting

Conference
Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic co-
operation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170,
A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

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upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-
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- (g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

Continuation of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)
2. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11

2. Advancement of Women [109]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.14-L.16

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)
4. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.

9th meeting

Conference Room 3

Joint Inspection Unit [123] (A/53/841, A/54/34 and A/54/223)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-
1 p.m.

informal consultations
(closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945, A/53/7/Add.12 and A/C.5/54/L.7))

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

10th meeting

Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Pattern of Conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

Continuation of general discussion

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.

10th meeting

Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon*-
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

closed meeting

**Conference
Room 10**

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
2. Executive session on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 19 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place *today*, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on the International Year of Older Persons)

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-
10 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on economic and technical cooperation for developing countries, renewal of the dialogue and developing human resources for development)

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room D

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on economic and technical cooperation for developing countries and renewal of the dialogue)

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 6

There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of
Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 19 October 1999, from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (briefing by the Director of INSTRAW)

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

There will be an informal meeting of the Southern African
Development Community (SADC) *today*, 19 October 1999, from
1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the International Year of Older Persons *today*, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women *today*, 19 October 1999, at 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas") will be held *today*, 19 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los>

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Meetings of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on illicit trafficking in small arms, *today*, 19 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold an open-ended meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (m) (Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas), organized by the delegation of Brazil, *today*, 19 October 1999, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of like-minded countries and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, organized by the delegation of Mozambique, *today*, 19 October 1999, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Wednesday, 20 October 1999***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-fourth session*

10 a.m. 35th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Committees**FIRST COMMITTEE****FIFTH COMMITTEE**

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4	10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
			3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)****SIXTH COMMITTEE**

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4	10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2	
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7	

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Second Committee.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

THIRD COMMITTEE			10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1	3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B, to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The thirty-fourth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

In addition, M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*draft resolutions on linkages and synergies among environmental and environment-related conventions and on desertification*) on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*) at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, in Conference Room 8, and Thursday, 21 October 1999, in Conference Room E.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on racism and racial discrimination*) on Friday, 22 October 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 3.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be an open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (b) (Transparency in Armaments), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Workshops

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 15 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

7th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/54/1/Add.1) regarding the allocation to the Fifth Committee of an additional sub-item entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" under agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations).

The Chairman also drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 18-22 October 1999.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations:

(ii) Peacekeeping missions

The representative of Panama, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this aspect of the agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Findings of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement process in UNAVEM

The representative of Panama, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.6.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Norway.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, made a statement.

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.7.

After a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Algeria, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United Republic of Tanzania and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Following a request by the representative of Guyana, the Chairman suspended the meeting.

Upon resumption of the meeting statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

After a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Algeria and Canada.

Organization of work

Following a suspension of the meeting the Chairman informed the Committee of the recommendations of the Bureau regarding the programme of work for the week of 18-22 October 1999.

Monday, 18 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Armenia, Tunisia, Australia (President of the Conference on Disarmament), the Republic of Moldova, Kyrgystan, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka (Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean) and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Committee on Peacekeeping Operations contained in document A/54/87 and the report of the Secretary-General on the enhancement of African peacekeeping capacity contained in document A/54/63-S/1999/171, as well as to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/54/L.2*.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of the Special Committee contained in document A/54/87.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee observed one minute of silence in tribute to their memory.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Special

The Committee began its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Denmark, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the Associated countries Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland), Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Norway, Indonesia (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)), Egypt, the Philippines, Kazakhstan, Colombia and Japan.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]*International drug control* [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Thailand (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Portugal, Nepal, Pakistan, the Sudan, China, Ukraine (also on behalf of the Republic of Moldova), the United States, Ecuador, Azerbaijan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, El Salvador (on behalf of the Central American countries), the Philippines, Egypt, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria and Iraq.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement in which he announced that action would be taken on Thursday, 21 October, at 3 p.m. on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.6, L.10, L.14, L.15 and L.16.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

8th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Peter Van De Velde (Belgium), introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway), Cyprus and the United States.

The representative of Kenya also made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/11).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Pakistan, Norway, Uganda (on behalf of

Member States of East African Cooperation), India, Belarus, Brazil, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, the Republic of Korea and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee reminded the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a) to (f) would be Friday, 22 October 1999, at 6 p.m.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

8th and 9th meetings

Note: The summary of the 8th and 9th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/201).

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Sixty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1999

1783rd meeting

Opening of the session by the Chairperson [1]

The Chairperson opened the sixty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee.

Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant [2]

Mr. Louis Henkin, elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties, made the solemn declaration.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/139 and the programme of work.

Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Organizational and other matters [4]

The Committee adopted lists of issues in respect to reports and its draft general comment on article 12.

1784th meeting

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

In public session, it adopted its consolidated guidelines for States reports under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR/C/66/GUI).

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Photography exhibit**

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrell, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Burkina Faso
H.E. Mr. Michel Kafando

Asian States:

Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Peru
H.E. Mr. Francisco Tudela

Western European and other States:

Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	35th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	36th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
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General debate (*continued*):

Thailand
Czech Republic
United States
Sudan
Nepal
Canada
Iraq
Burkina Faso
Haiti
Andorra
Pakistan
Mexico (Report of the Disarmament Commission)
Liberia
Islamic Republic of Iran

International Committee of the Red Cross

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/54/389)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/54/8 and A/54/322)

(d) Human resources development (A/54/408)

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (A/54/207 and A/C.2/54/2)

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
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Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (External debt crisis and development) (item 97 (e)) and A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology for development) (item 97 (d))

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
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1. Advancement of Women [109]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.13, L.15 and L.17

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/54/368, A/54/417, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

3. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942, A/54/368 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
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1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit [123] (A/53/841, A/54/34 and A/54/223)

Conclusion of general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Procurement reform

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.8

5. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

*Draft resolutions A/C.5/54/L.7 and A/C.5/54/L.11**

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380 and A/54/406))

* To be issued.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS
PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING,
STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER
APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-fourth session

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

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SECOND COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Organizational matters

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", *today*, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly *today*, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

*(on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation
of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)*

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place *today*, 20 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

*(draft resolutions on renewal of the dialogue and
developing human resources for development)*

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, *today*, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

GROUP OF 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(draft resolutions on linkages and synergies among
environmental and environment-related conventions
and on desertification)*

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 20 October 1999, from 3.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-
5 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

There will be a meeting of interested States on the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (n) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 20 October 1999, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 12th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 13th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 21 October, Tuesday, 26 October, and on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

In addition, M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*on preparations for the third session of the Conference of the Parties for the Convention to Combat Desertification*) on Thursday, 21 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*briefing, in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, given by Mr. Per Ryden, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the Convention to Combat Desertification, and by other agency representatives of the United Nations system who are involved in supporting its implementation*) on Thursday, 21 October 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*) on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on racism and racial discrimination*) on Friday, 22 October 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room I.

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be an open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (b) (Transparency in Armaments), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the International Year of Older Persons on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los>

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 18 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia and Côte d'Ivoire.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 159.

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Republic of Korea, Japan, Ecuador, Algeria and the Philippines.

9th meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Cyprus, San Marino, Costa Rica, Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Norway, China, New Zealand, Côte d'Ivoire and the Solomon Islands.

The observer of the Permanent Court of Arbitration made a statement.

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4053rd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1071, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Slovenia, Canada, the Netherlands, the United States, France, the United Kingdom, China, Malaysia, Gabon, Bahrain and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1071) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1071) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1269 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Benin, Ukraine and Japan (Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts on Small Arms).

In addition, the Committee heard a statement by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization, while a statement by the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons was circulated.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Committee continued its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Canada, Kuwait, Ghana, Jamaica, India, China, Venezuela, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Senegal, Peru, Malaysia, Poland, Bangladesh, Uruguay (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile) and Uganda.

SECOND COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) *Science and technology for development*

(e) *External debt crisis and development*

The Committee resumed its consideration of item 97 and its sub-items (d) and (e).

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

(b) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

(d) *Human resources development*

(e) *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

(g) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of Technical and Regional Cooperation of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) and the Director of the Private Sector Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

16th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Senegal, Norway, Antigua and Barbuda, Romania, Turkey, Indonesia, the Philippines, Mali, Croatia, Singapore, China, the Republic of Korea and Nigeria and the observer for the Holy See.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]*International drug control* [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Belarus (also on behalf of Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and the Russian Federation), Cyprus, Cuba, Uganda, Myanmar, Indonesia, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Morocco, Ghana, Rwanda, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lebanon and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement about the organization of work.

17th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Greece, Guinea, Italy, Kyrgyzstan and Thailand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolutions**A/C.3/54/L.14*

The representative of the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, the Gambia, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, India, Lithuania, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Sudan, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Kuwait joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.16

The representative of Romania, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Croatia, Nicaragua and Suriname, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]*International drug control* [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Brazil, Argentina, Kuwait, Mozambique, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and Armenia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

9th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), introduced the annual report of the Unit (A/54/34) and the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond (A/53/841).

The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit was contained in document A/54/223.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and the United States.

Organization of work

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Modalities for operating the Development Account), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

10th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Croatia, Singapore, Myanmar, Burkina Faso and Kuwait.

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya (on behalf of the Member States of East African Cooperation), the Republic of Korea, Jamaica, Bangladesh, China, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Modalities for operating the Development Account), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10th meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Malaysia (on behalf of ASEAN), India, Hungary, Croatia, Mozambique, Nepal, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Ukraine, Iraq, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Bolivia, South Africa and Belarus.

The observer of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) also made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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1785th and 1786th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Norway (CCPR/C/115/Add.2).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Convention on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques. New York, 10 December 1976

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999 (21-26 October 1999) in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Thursday, 21 October 1999, there will be two panels: at 10 a.m. on the theme "The Comprehensive Test-ban Treaty, The Chemical Weapons Convention, The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: Status Reports" and at 3 p.m. on the theme "Space Weapons, Anti-Satellite Weapon Tests, Missile Defences".

The third panel will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to discuss "The New Agenda Coalition, The Tokyo Forum and Other Initiatives to Reduce Nuclear Dangers".

United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrell, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Briefing by the Secretary-General

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 37th PLENARY MEETING Conference Room 3

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference
Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects: introduction and
consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda
items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 13th meeting Conference
Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping
operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/
171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 (*item 105*)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 (External debt crisis and development) (*item 97 (e)*)

* Following the adjournment of the consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18*, A/54/98, A/54/299, A/54/347)
2. Right of peoples to self-determination [115] (A/54/98, A/54/118-S/1999/633, A/54/326, A/54/327)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10

2. Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.3, L.5 and L.6

* To be issued.

3. Advancement of women [109]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.13 and L.17/Rev.1

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18*, A/54/98, A/54/299, A/54/347)
5. Right of peoples to self-determination [115] (A/54/98, A/54/118-S/1999/633, A/54/326, A/54/327)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380 and A/54/406)) and 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account) and 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 12th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 13th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [158] (PCNICC/1999/L.3/Rev.1, L.4/Rev.1 and L.4/Rev.1* (French only), A/54/98)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 21 October, as well as on Monday, 25 October, and Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 21 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on preparations for the third session of the Conference of the Parties for the Convention to Combat Desertification)

10 a.m.-
10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on the International Year of Older Persons)

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on renewal of the dialogue and developing human resources for development)

3 p.m.-
4.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (briefing, in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, given by Mr. Per Ryden, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the Convention to Combat Desertification)

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on World Solar, Convention Biological Diversity Programme, Implementation of Agenda 21)

4.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room E

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

4.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

There will be an informal meeting of States Parties to the
Biological Weapons Convention *today*, 21 October 1999, at 9.30
a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place *today*, 21 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on a Third Committee draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action *today*, 21 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on illicit trafficking in small arms, *today*, 21 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 21 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be an open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (b) (Transparency in Armaments), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, *today*, 21 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) will be held *today*, 21 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 22 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

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FIRST COMMITTEE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)
2. Other matters

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

In addition, M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on racism and racial discrimination*) on Friday, 22 October 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of interested States on First Commission draft resolution under agenda item 76 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Najma Akbarali Heptulla, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the plenary draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, originally scheduled for Friday, 22 October 1999, at 10 a.m., have been rescheduled and will take place on Monday, 25 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los>

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

35th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

The representative of the Russian Federation, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/54/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Ukraine, Mongolia, Ireland, Indonesia, Colombia and China; H.E. Mr. Sergei Martynov, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kuwait, Lithuania, Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Slovenia and Cuba.

Programme of work

The attention of the General Assembly was drawn to document A/INF/54/3/Add.2, which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly. It was further announced that the lists of speakers for items contained in document A/INF/54/3/Add.2 were open.

36th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Tunisia, Germany, Brazil, Venezuela, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Senegal; H.E. The Honourable Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; and the representatives of Mexico, Canada, Namibia, South Africa, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Argentina, Myanamar and Italy.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

12th meeting

Conclusion of general debate

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, the Czech Republic, the United States, Sudan, Nepal, Canada, Iraq, Haiti,

Andorra, Pakistan, Mexico (Report of the Disarmament Commission), and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

12th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Committee continued its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Belarus, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Cuba, Mexico, Mozambique, the Russian Federation, Algeria, Pakistan, Croatia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cyprus, Brazil and Guatemala.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE

17th meeting

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to the following amendments to its programme of work:

Agenda item 100 (a) would be taken up on Friday 22 October, with the exception of the report of the Secretary-General on international institutional arrangements related to environment and development (A/54/468*), which would be introduced on 2 November together with item 100 (b).

Agenda item 97 (a) would be taken up on Monday, 1 November, and agenda item 97 (b) would be considered on Monday, 15 November.

The progress report by the Director of the Staff College at Turin would be taken up under agenda item 102.

* To be issued.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

- (a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*
- (b) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*
- (d) *Human resources development*
- (e) *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*
- (g) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of El Salvador, Kenya, Uganda, Iraq, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Mongolia and Haiti.

The Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Council made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the sub-items.

THIRD COMMITTEE

18th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.13

The representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Algeria, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Saint Lucia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Ukraine and Uruguay, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.15

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Benin, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.17

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Bhutan, Cyprus, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, New Zealand and Slovakia, introduced the draft resolution, and drew the Committee's attention to revisions to the text.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Thailand, China, Turkey, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, San Marino, Fiji, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Trinidad and Tobago, Cameroon, the United Arab Emirates, Haiti, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the items.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11th meeting

Note: The summary of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/203).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

The Legal Counsel of the United Nations orally reported on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/105.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court made a statement.

The representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Australia (also on behalf of the following members of the South Pacific Forum: Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu), Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal, Cameroon, the Russian Federation and Cyprus spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1999

1787th and 1788th meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Morocco (CCPR/C/115/Add.1).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Chad (20 October 1999)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations, Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Chad (20 October 1999)

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Austria (17 October 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties, Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Tunisia (19 October 1999)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Staff Council**

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 21 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999 (21-26 October 1999) in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 21 October 1999, there will be two panels: at 10 a.m. on the theme "The Comprehensive Test-ban Treaty, The Chemical Weapons Convention, The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: Status Reports" and at 3 p.m. on the theme "Space Weapons, Anti-Satellite Weapon Tests, Missile Defences".

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrell, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Special event

In connection with the celebration of United Nations Day, Mrs. Nane Annan will take part in a special event for children, "When you wish upon a star", on Saturday, 23 October 1999, at 10 a.m. on the Visitors' Plaza. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Walt Disney Company. There will be live appearances by characters from Disney animated films, and by young actor Haley Joel Osment. The Disney characters and Mr. Osment will present Mrs. Annan with a time capsule that will contain wishes and dreams of children around the world for the new millennium. Mrs. Annan and Mr. Osment will be the first to place their wishes in the capsule. Following the event on the Visitors' Plaza, there will be free screenings of the film "Pinocchio" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for children of delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Morning* 4054th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Sierra Leone

Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1999/1003)

Morning** 4055th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. The adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/994)

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4054th meeting.

(continued overleaf)

Morning* 4056th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. The adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1999/1038)

* To be held following the adjournment of the 4055th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
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1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18*, A/54/98, A/54/299, A/54/347)
2. Right of peoples to self-determination [115] (A/54/98, A/54/118-S/1999/633, A/54/326, A/54/327)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, 80, 98, 212 and A/C.2/54/5)

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/54/131-E/1999/75)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
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1. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169]
Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.4
2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]
Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account
Draft resolutions A/C.5/54/L.7 and A/C.5/54/L.11/Rev.1

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 22 October 1999

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on Racism and Racial Discrimination)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (draft resolutions on International migration and implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II))

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: ISLAMIC GROUP (at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON FIRST COMMITTEE MATTERS

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

There will be a meeting of interested States on First Committee
draft resolution under agenda item 76 (General and complete
disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, today, 22
October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place *today*, 22 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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**United Nations Convention
on the Law of the Sea**

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) will be held *today*, 22 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los>

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 25 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475) [3 (b)]
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/398 and Corr.1 (French only)) [7]
3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/107) [17 (g)]
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [29]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/308);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.12)
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [32]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.13)
6. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2
 3 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 14th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 25 October, and Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)
2. Other matters

The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document E/1999/120*. The agenda items to be discussed on 26 October are the following:

1. Non-governmental organizations [12]

Status of Christian Solidarity International

2. Economic and environmental questions [13]

- (a) Sustainable development

Report of the Committee on Development Policy: graduation of Maldives from the list of Least Developed Countries;

- (g) Transportation of dangerous goods

3. Date of election of the President of the Council for the year 2000 [1]

* To be issued.

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October, in the afternoon. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing, originally scheduled for Tuesday, 26 October 1999, will now take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Monday, 25 October, from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, and on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. and from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Najma Akbarali Heptulla, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be meetings of Legal Advisers at 3 p.m. on Monday, 25 October and on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the plenary draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Meetings of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the First Committee draft resolution under agenda item 68 (Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification) on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

12th meeting

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, the United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Sudan, Nigeria, Japan, Botswana, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Venezuela and the Bahamas.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin Thursday, 21 October 1999, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

Pattern of Conferences [124]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ghana, Morocco and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences made a concluding statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement and replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 22 October 1999, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Ms. Radhia Achouri (Tunisia).

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Norway, Turkey, Algeria and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The representative of the Department of Management replied to a question posed.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, Canada, the United States, Uganda, China, Mexico, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Norway and Egypt.

Following a suspension of the meeting, and a proposal by the Chairman to amend section VIII of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, (A/C.5/54/L.8) as orally amended.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Cuba, Thailand, Algeria, Canada and the United States.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11 and informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the coordinator, the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), requested that the draft resolution contained in A/C.5/54/L.11 be held in abeyance.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to continue informal consultations on this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 21 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

37th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile, Zambia, Sweden, Cyprus, Jamaica, Yemen and Malta.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/54/2).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1 and, in that connection, the representative of China made a statement.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.3.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

13th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects: introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

13th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Haiti, Nepal, Georgia, Tunisia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Israel, Malawi, Angola and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.2* without a vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

19th meeting

*Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]**Right of peoples to self-determination [115]*

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of the Peoples to Self-determination.

A statement was made by the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance.

A statement was also made by the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of the Peoples to Self-determination and the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights responded to questions raised by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Austria.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, (as well as on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Senegal, Cuba, Ecuador, Ukraine and Congo.

Organization of work

It was announced that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the two items had been extended to Tuesday, 26 October, at 6 p.m.

20th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Algeria, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Portugal, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain, Tajikistan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Mongolia orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.3

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/19, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.5

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/21, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.5.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.6

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/22, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.6.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.13

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the text and announced that Azerbaijan, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Jamaica, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, the Philippines and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malawi, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.17/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway corrected the text and announced that Barbados, Benin, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Grenada, Japan, Latvia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Panama, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Moldova had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

*Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]**Right of peoples to self-determination [115]*

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica and Hungary.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

12th and 13th meetings

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), San Marino, Egypt, Ecuador, Canada, Croatia, Pakistan, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Venezuela, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Lesotho, Ghana, Thailand, the Sudan, Mongolia, China, the United States, Ukraine and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of Bulgaria also spoke.

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Sixty-seventh session

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1789th and 1790th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Morocco (CCPR/C/115/Add.1).

The Committee then continued its consideration of a draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]***International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992**Accession: Nigeria (19 October 1999)***Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993**Acceptance: South Africa (21 October 1999)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will be hosting a concert *today*, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrell, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999. *Today*, 22 October 1999, the third panel on the theme "The New Agenda Coalition, The Tokyo Forum and Other Initiatives to Reduce Nuclear Dangers" will be held at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Special events

On the occasion of the celebration of Cuban National Culture Day, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations will present the Grammy-Award Winners for the Best Tropical Latin Album, "Buena Vista Social Club". The ceremony will take place *today*, 22 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

In connection with the celebration of United Nations Day, Mrs. Nane Annan will take part in a special event for children, "When you wish upon a star", on Saturday, 23 October 1999, at 10 a.m. on the Visitors' Plaza. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Walt Disney Company. There will be live appearances by characters from Disney animated films, and by young actor Haley Joel Osment. The Disney characters and Mr. Osment will present Mrs. Annan with a time capsule that will contain wishes and dreams of children around the world for the new millennium. Mrs. Annan and Mr. Osment will be the first to place their wishes in the capsule. Following the event on the Visitors' Plaza, there will be free screenings of the film "Pinocchio" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for children of delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 25 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4057th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in East Timor (S/1999/1024)

Morning* consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Iraq

Letter dated 12 October 1999 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/1053)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

* To be held following the adjournment of the 4057th meeting.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold a *private meeting* in the Security Council Chamber at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at which it will hear a briefing by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475) [3 (b)]
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/398 and Corr.1 (French only)) [7]
3. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]
4. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/107) [17 (g)]
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [29]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/308);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.12)
6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [32]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.13)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE
ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*-
6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 14th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87] (A/54/20, A/C.4/54/8, A/CONF.184/6)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, A/54/80, A/54/98, A/54/212, A/C.2/54/5)

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/54/428)

- (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)
- (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/54/4)

Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

- 1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.7

- 2. Operational activities for development [101]

- (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.5 and A/C.2/54/L.6

- 3. Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, A/54/212, A/54/80, A/54/98, A/C.2/54/5)

- (c) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/54/428)

- (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)

- (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/54/4)

Continuation of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

- 1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1

- 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18, A/54/98, A/54/299, A/54/347)

- 3. Right of peoples to self-determination [115] (A/54/98, A/54/118-S/1999/633, A/54/326, A/54/327)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 3

- 1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117] (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7)

Introduction and general discussion

- 2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/53/811, A/54/157 and Add.1, A/54/334 and Add.1, A/54/367, A/54/410 and A/54/413)

Introduction and general discussion

- 3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

- (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/54/169, A/54/335 and A/54/394)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 15th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)*

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 25 October, and Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 25 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(draft resolution on International Year of Older Persons)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Najma Akbarali Heptulla, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(draft resolutions on international migration and implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II))

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

There first meeting of Legal Advisers will be held on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the plenary draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Meetings of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the First Committee draft resolution under agenda item 68 (Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification) on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Media Correspondents are invited to cover the event.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Fifty-fourth session

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4) [13]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [26]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/180);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.14)
3. Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly : draft resolution (A/54/L.15) [171]

10 a.m. 16th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIRD COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, the Third Committee will hold a dialogue with Mr. Olara Otunnu (Secretary-General's Representative on Children and Armed Conflict), Ms. Ofelia Calcetos-Santos (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography), Mr. Juan Somavia (Director-General of the International Labour Organization), Ms. Carol Bellamy (Executive Director of UNICEF) and the representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The dialogue will initiate the Third Committee's discussion of agenda item 112 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children).

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)
2. Other matters

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The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 247th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document E/1999/120*. The agenda items to be discussed on 26 October are the following:

1. Non-governmental organizations [12]

Status of Christian Solidarity International

* To be issued.

2. Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Report of the Committee on Development Policy: graduation of Maldives from the list of Least Developed Countries;

(g) Transportation of dangerous goods

3. Date of election of the President of the Council for the year 2000 [1]

4. Other matters

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing, originally scheduled for Tuesday, 26 October 1999, will now take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*briefing by Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization*) on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

The NGO Committee on Human Rights will sponsor a meeting on the future direction of the United Nations human rights work and a report of the last special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Seminar

The World Bank is organizing a seminar entitled "Providing Deeper, Broader and Faster Debt Relief Through the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative". The seminar will be presented by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg of the World Bank and will serve as a contribution to the Second Committee's consideration of agenda item 97 (e) (External debt crisis and development). The seminar, chaired by Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice Chairman of the Second Committee, will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 130 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefing

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Juan Somavia, the New York Liaison Office of the ILO will host a dialogue between Mr. Somavia and non-governmental organizations. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for Mr. Somavia to brief non-governmental organizations on the work of the ILO. The dialogue will take place on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rihitu Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 22 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4054th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1999/1003)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Nigeria and Sierra Leone, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended and invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1069, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1069) before it.

Before the vote statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Malaysia, France, the Gambia, the Netherlands, China, Brazil, Argentina, Canada and Bahrain.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1069) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1270 (1999).

4055th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/994)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/29).

4056th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1999/1038)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1078, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1078) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1078) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1271 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

14th meeting

The Under-Secretary-General, the legal counsel, Mr. Hans Corell made a statement in connection with the statement circulated by the Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) on 19 October 1999.

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

A statement was made by the representative of Hungary.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.19.

SECOND COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director of the Regional Office for North America of the United Nations Environment Programme and the representative of the Energy and Transport Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Indonesia, Norway, Cyprus, China, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Zimbabwe and Cuba.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Meteorological Organization.

Organization of work

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

19th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Belarus, India, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, Kenya, Argentina, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Australia, Bulgaria and Guatemala.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 100 and sub-item (a) had been extended until Wednesday, 3 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Greece, Liechtenstein, China, Algeria, Cuba, Pakistan, Israel, Venezuela, Cyprus, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Nigeria.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11/Rev.1.

In light of the statement made by the coordinator, the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement and withdrew draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.7.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11/Rev.1 without a vote.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Cuba, New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Pakistan and the United States.

The representatives of Panama and the Syrian Arab Republic also made statements regarding corrections in the Spanish and Arabic versions of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

14th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Uganda, Indonesia, Slovenia, Kenya, Poland, Madagascar, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Israel, Haiti and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

The representatives of Israel, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

The Chairman also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Sixty-seventh session
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FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1999

1791st and 1792nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of the Republic of Korea (CCPR/C/114/Add.1).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

In connection with the celebration of United Nations Day, Mrs. Nane Annan will take part in a special event for children, "When you wish upon a star", today, 23 October 1999, at 10 a.m. on the Visitors' Plaza. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Walt Disney Company. There will be live appearances by characters from Disney animated films, and by young actor Haley Joel Osment. The Disney characters and Mr. Osment will present Mrs. Annan with a time capsule that will contain wishes and dreams of children around the world for the new millennium. Mrs. Annan and Mr. Osment will be the first to place their wishes in the capsule. Following the event on the Visitors' Plaza, there will be free screenings of the film "Pinocchio" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for children of delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations will hold a special event on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting is open to staff members only.

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999. On Monday, 25 October 1999, a panel discussion on "Disarmament and Development: Transparency, accountability and good governance" will be held at 10 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, and a panel on "Small arms initiatives" will be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Exhibit

H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci (Italy) will inaugurate an exhibition entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the sixteenth to mid-nineteenth century" on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 5.30 p.m. in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4058th (private) meeting* Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

* Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 39th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4) [13]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [26]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/180);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.14)
3. Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly : draft resolution (A/54/L.15) [171]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE
ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8

2. Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, A/54/80, A/54/98, A/54/212, A/C.2/54/5)

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/54/428)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/54/4)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/54/442)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Globalization and interdependence [104] (A/54/358, A/54/98, A/54/175)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117] (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/53/811, A/54/157 and Add.1, A/54/334 and Add.1, A/54/367, A/54/410 and A/54/413)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/54/169, A/54/335 and A/54/394)

Conclusion of general discussion

4. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.12

Morning* - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/54/34, A/54/223 and A/53/841))

3 p.m. 16th meeting Conference
Room 3

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117] (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon** - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

12 noon - Trusteeship
1 p.m. 16th meeting Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

1. International Computing Centre
2. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room D

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

10 a.m. - Economic and Social
1 p.m. 48th meeting Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1999/120, E/1999/121)
2. Non-governmental organizations [12] (E/1999/109 and Add.1)

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations, with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International

3. Economic and environmental questions [13]
 - (a) Sustainable development (E/1999/118 and Corr.1)
 - (g) Transport of dangerous goods (E/1999/43, E/1999/L.48)
4. Other matters

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 26 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(draft resolutions on item 100 (Report of the Governing
Council of UNEP), item 100 (d) (Protection of global
climate for present and future generations of mankind),
item 100 (World Solar Programme 1996-2005))*

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 26 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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There second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held *today*, 26 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

6.15 p.m.- 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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Seminar

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on Item 99 (a) (Implementation of the commitments
and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of
International Economic Cooperation, in particular
the revitalization of the economic growth and development
of developing countries and Implementation of the
International Development Strategy for the Fourth United
Nations Decade), item 104 (Globalization and
interdependence), item 101 (a) (World Summit for Children))*

The World Bank is organizing a seminar entitled "Providing Deeper, Broader and Faster Debt Relief Through the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative". The seminar will be presented by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg of the World Bank and will serve as a contribution to the Second Committee's consideration of agenda item 97 (e) (External debt crisis and development). The seminar, chaired by Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice Chairman of the Second Committee, will take place *today*, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Forum

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 26 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Forum will be addressed by Senator Fernando Solana, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Mexican Senate, on "Latin America in the 21st Century: Problems and Perspectives". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Wednesday, 27 October 1999

Fifty-fourth session

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund: draft resolution (A/54/L.18) [99 (h)]

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [27]

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/379);
- (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.9)

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 23rd meeting Room 1

3 p.m. 24th meeting Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	(closed)	Room 5
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3 p.m. 17th meeting Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 17th meeting Council Chamber

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Room 2	5 p.m.	18th meeting	Council Chamber
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

THIRD COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, the Third Committee will hold a dialogue with Mr. Olara Otunnu (Secretary-General's Representative on Children and Armed Conflict), Ms. Ofelia Calcetos-Santos (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography), Mr. Juan Somavia (Director-General of the International Labour Organization), Ms. Carol Bellamy (Executive Director of UNICEF) and the representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The dialogue will initiate the Third Committee's discussion of agenda item 112 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children).

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.105/1999/11)

2. Other matters

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 247th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

SECURITY COUNCIL

The 191st meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, in.

A chairman will give a briefing to the press.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agen-

cies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*briefing by Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization*) on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

The NGO Committee on Human Rights will sponsor a meeting on the future direction of the United Nations human rights work and a report of the last special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefing

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Juan Somavia, the New York Liaison Office of the ILO will host a dialogue between Mr. Somavia and non-governmental organizations. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for Mr. Somavia to brief non-governmental organizations on the work of the ILO. The dialogue will take place on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rihit Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations

In accordance with paragraph 86 of the Report on the Eleventh session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-Level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development." The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 25 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4057th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in East Timor (S/1999/1024)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Finland, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal and the Republic of Korea, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1083, which contained the text of a draft resolution submitted by Brazil, Canada, Namibia, the Netherlands, Slovenia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Argentina, France and the Russian Federation joined as sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1083 in its provisional form.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Portugal, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Republic of Korea and Norway.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1083).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Slovenia, China, Malaysia, Bahrain, the Netherlands, Brazil, France, Argentina, Canada and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1083) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1272 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

38th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475) [3 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/54/475) (resolution 54/6).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/398 and Corr.1 (French only) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/54/398.

Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats allocated to each of those regions, the Bahamas, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, the Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Suriname, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were declared elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of the agenda item 16.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/107) [17(g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of Chile, Equatorial Guinea,

France, Japan, Namibia, the Philippines and the Russian Federation as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 17 (g).

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [29]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/308)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/54/L.12)*

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Turkey, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Senegal, Norway, Tunisia and Egypt.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.12 (resolution 54/7).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [32]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420)*

(b) *Draft resolution A/54/L.13*

The representative of Peru made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Venezuela and Costa Rica.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.13 (resolution 54/8).

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 32.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.15.

The representative of Mozambique introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.2.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.32.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.33.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

14th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87]

The Chairman made an opening statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/54/20, as well as to the report of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space contained in document A/CONF.184/6.

The representative of India, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the two reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in documents A/54/20 and A/CONF.184/6, respectively.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Colombia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Associated countries of Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland and Norway) Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Saudi Arabia, China, France and Greece.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SECOND COMMITTEE

20th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

- (c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*
- (d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*
- (e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*
- (f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa and the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta aligned themselves with this statement), the Russian Federation, Turkey, Brazil, Norway, Ethiopia, China, Benin, Malaysia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of AOSIS), Colombia, Burkina Faso, Australia, and Barbados (on behalf of CARICOM).

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The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 100 (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Deadline

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 99 (a), (b), (d), (e) and (g) to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 October.

*Environment and sustainable development [100]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.7*

The representative of Cameroon introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Operational activities for development [101]

- (b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5

The representative of Guyana introduced (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and orally revised, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6

The representative of Mozambique introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Southern African Development Community).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

- (c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*
- (d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*
- (e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*
- (f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Senegal, the Solomon Islands, the Philippines, Kenya, Israel, Canada, New Zealand, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Qatar and Singapore.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

THIRD COMMITTEE

22nd meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malta, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]*Right of peoples to self-determination* [115]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Brazil, Norway, Sudan, the Russian Federation, Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Eritrea, Iraq, Slovenia, Pakistan, Egypt, Angola, Saint Lucia, Papua New Guinea, the Czech Republic and Haiti.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 114 and 115.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that action on the following draft resolutions would be taken on Thursday, at 3 p.m.: item 106: A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1, L.11 and L.12; item 108: A/C.3/54/L.20; item 109: A/C.3/54/L.14, L.15, L.16/Rev.1, L.18 and L.19.

Right of reply

The representatives of Ethiopia, Latvia, Eritrea and the Russian Federation made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

14th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. O.T. Prempeh, introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/159 and A/54/165).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary General (A/54/140 and Add.1 and A/C.5/54/3).

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was before the Committee in document A/54/441.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the United States.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/53/811, A/54/157, A/54/334, A/54/367, A/54/410 and A/54/413).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the reports of the Unit (A/54/334/Add.1 and A/54/157/Add.1).

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services*

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/54/169, A/54/335 and A/54/394).

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/54/120).

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, to grant the request of the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) to make statements in the Committee in connection with agenda items 126 and 164.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised at the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 3 October 1999.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced the Report of the Commission.

The Commission observed a minute of silence in memory of M. Doudou Thiam (Senegal), Minister, former member, Chairman and Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission.

The representative of the Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Japan, Germany, Argentina and Guatemala made statements.

The representatives of the Netherlands and Senegal spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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The Committee considered a draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Portugal (Macau) (CCPR/C/POR/99/4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from today, 26 October, until Friday, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999. Today, 26 October 1999, a panel discussion on "Verifying a Nuclear Weapons Convention" will be held at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and a panel on "Depleted Uranium Weaponry: Technical and Political Aspects" will be held at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Special event

The youth representatives of the delegations of Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway, the United Nations Youth Unit and the social coordinators for interns invite youth interns in the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, junior advisors, junior staff members and other young people to take part in a discussion by and for young people involved with the United Nations "The United Nations's future in the eyes of youth". The discussion will focus on: What should be the United Nations's focus in the 21st century? Should youth represent their own interest at the United Nations? and should the United Nations become a true supranational organization? It will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Those who have proposals for discussion are kindly invited to submit them via e-mail to unyouth@hotmail.com or visit the Web site at come.to/youthdiscussion.

Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the sixteenth to mid-nineteenth century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).